

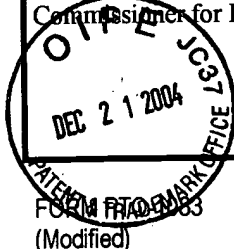
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**PATENT**

Case Docket No. 52-3207

In re application of: Kenneth R. Rosensteel Jr. et al

Serial No.: 09/896,156

Art Unit - 2157

Filed: June 29, 2001

For: Method and Data Processing System Providing File I/O Across Multiple Heterogeneous Computer Systems

Examiner: Wen-Tai Lin

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**AMENDMENT A**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows for placing the application in condition for allowance.